GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA -NEPAL TREATY
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have made a request to the Union Government to review the Indo-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950 in order to protect them from the continuing inflow of Nepali nationals in their States:

(b) if so, the details thereof : and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a), (b) and (c)

Government of Meghalaya have expressed concern over Nepalese migration to Meghalaya and suggested a review of the India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship signed in 1950 and introduction of travel documents for Nepalese traveling to India.
Travel documents have been introduced for air travel between the two countries. Modalities of border management between India and Nepal are also under discussion in the Joint Working Group on Border Management which is expected to meet shortly for the Fourth Meeting.

India-Nepal Foreign Secretary Level Talks were held on January 30 and 31, 2001 in Delhi. In that meeting, the two sides had a useful exchange of views on issues relating to the India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship as directed by the two Prime Ministers. They discussed various aspects of the Treaty in a candid and open manner and agreed to continue their discussions keeping in mind the perceptions, concerns and interests of both sides and their close and friendly relations.